



PROJECT REQUEST

TUITION SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN SLUM AREAS YANGON, MYANMAR





Sponsorship and project management

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Project description

The SANNI Foundation has created a children fund and a sponsorship program where we currently support 350 children in the slum areas of Yangon in order to ensure a long-term and solid education for children. SANNI's philosophy is to reduce the risk that children cannot go to school due to missing financial resources or bad health conditions by providing all the items a child needs to go to school and remove the financial burden of education so the focus can be on learning and not merely surviving. This objective is also supported by providing supplementary food, medical care and clothing and hygiene packages for the respective children so that the complete family situation is stabilized.

Now we will provide additional school tuition to children enrolled on SANNI's Myanmar sponsorship program in grades 5,9 and 11 (age 10-16). The objective is to reduce school dropout rates and help the children enter the next stages of their education careers to alleviate them out of poverty.

Keywords

Myanmar/Burma | Cooperation with MAM (Medical Action Myanmar) | Underprivileged people slum areas | Children funds | Sponsorship program | Financing school equipment and attendance | Free tuition classes | English, Burmese, Mathematics

Costs and duration:

12,609 USD (for 78 students for one academic year; starting June 2020)

100% of grants will be spent for the project; all administration costs are financed by the SchroffInvest.

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A child waits to receive his SANNI support packages at the Lotus Clinic



1. Short Introduction of SANNI Foundation

The SANNI Foundation is a charitable foundation with a focus on Southern India and Myanmar, actively helping in the areas of education and medical care for children and women.

The SANNI Foundation supports as many children in India and Myanmar as possible in the long term by means of a fund, in order to give them a better life and positive future prospects.

True to our motto "help for self-help", the children stay in their families of origin but are provided support by the SANNI Foundation. The aim is that the children get a good education, because a good education is the key to the way out of poverty. But many families cannot afford the costs of the school. Even worse, many children are forced to work to ensure the survival of the family. Often the children and their parents are also sick and need medical care. Consequently, our focus is not only on the financing of education, but also on supplementary food packages, medical care, distribution of clothing and hygiene packages and above all loving care and intensive welfare.

Susanne Schroff was involved in her parents' foundation before founding the SANNI Foundation in Switzerland in 2010, where she has been living for many years. The Schroff Foundation, founded in 1989, supported a mobile diabetes ward of St. John Health Services in Trivandrum, India for 20 years. With the help of the head of St. John, a dedicated priest, the SANNI Foundation significantly expanded its activities in Trivandrum (including foundation of a clinic, Health care and education center for children and women etc.).

Since 2014, the SANNI Foundation has also been active in Myanmar and is committed to providing services to underprivileged people, especially women and children. Referring to the principle of implementing projects with local confidants, the SANNI Foundation supports a medical aid organization, Medical Action Myanmar (MAM), who operate a network of clinics and community health workers to freely treat patients from the baseline.

All administrative costs are borne by SchroffInvest. The entire foundation council and all ambassadors are active as volunteers. One hundred percent of the donations are used for the needy

2. Activities in Myanmar

2.1. **Our local partner: Medical Action Myanmar**

Medical Action Myanmar (MAM) is a non-profit, medical organization, established in 2009. The initiative is from Dr Frank Smithuis and Dr Ni Ni Tun (previously with Médecins sans Frontières in Myanmar 1994-2009), who are working with a team of very committed and experienced health professionals. The main goal is to provide access to health care for the poor and most vulnerable people in Myanmar. MAM has established 10 clinics in urban and suburban areas across Myanmar and built a network of over 1,600 community health workers in remote areas, for general health including HIV and tuberculosis in poor urban and in remote areas. Above all, MAM





values are accessibility for the poor, patient dignity, proven cost-effectiveness, non-discrimination and replication of effective activities to a large scale.



A young child in SANNI's Lotus Clinic Day Care Ward



Paediatric Consultation

Together, SANNI and MAM have two missions:

- Child Sponsorship Program / Children fund: Provide vulnerable children, typically diagnosed with chronic diseases like HIV and living in poverty without any government support, with food, educational, household and hygiene support.
- Lotus Clinic: provides free health care with a strict non-discriminatory policy to treat anyone with medical services such as HIV and tuberculosis treatment, family planning, malnutrition care and blindness prevention.

Both missions focus on Hlaingthayar township, an industrial slum zone in the north west of Yangon. With extremely poor living conditions, unstable employment and lack of development, the population living here suffer and urgently need support. The SANNI Foundation also built an orphanage with MAM in 2016, where orphaned children, typically due to HIV, can find a safe and loving home.

2.2. What SANNI Foundation has achieved so far in Myanmar

- Over 350 children living in one of the biggest slums in the country are sponsored to receive food, health, education and household support
- By financing the construction and operation of an orphanage in Yangon ("Motherhouse"), destitute orphans are given a peaceful and safe home. The children are provided with medical care, food and clothing. Dedicated teachers teach the children English. Currently we have 10 children in our home
- Over 50 families were given solar panels, bringing electricity to their homes for the first time
- Many families have had their houses repaired in preparation for rainy and hot seasons
- Vocational training, academic tuition and business support investment are also available
- Annually, more than 64,000 consultations are conducted at the Lotus Clinic in the poorest slum of Yangon. There are also over 500 patients receiving HIV treatment, over 8,000 children are



treated against malnutrition: over 4,5700 family planning consultations for empowerment of women. 10 HIV+ mothers were treated for their infection and all gave birth to HIV- negative babies.

3. **Main project**

3.1. **Situation in Myanmar**

Myanmar is still in the group of the 35 poorest countries of the world. In particular, the youngest of the young children are seriously affected by this situation: 5% of children will not reach the age of 5 years. Children living in very poor habitants like in remote and rural areas and also slum areas in Yangon.



Thura Maung doing homework with his new school materials provided by SANNI. Sponsored since June 2014

3.2. **New Project: Tuition Support**

3.2.1. **Background**

In 2017, the United Nations released a study analysing the effects of education in developing countries from 1965 to 2010 and concluded that nearly 60 million people could escape poverty if they had just two more years of education. They also found that if all adults in the world completed secondary education, 420 million people would be lifted out of poverty, two thirds of them from sub-Saharan Africa and south Asia (including Myanmar).



Twins Su Mo Mo and Su Po Po Naing doing their homework at home using their SANNI school materials. Sponsored since September 2015

Education in Myanmar (before Higher Education) is free, however all the equipment and resources needed are not provided. From schoolbooks and pens, to uniforms and transport fees – each family has to pay for this themselves but if they struggle to afford food each day, they certainly can't afford these extra items. This can often lead to children being forced to leave school to work for food instead. SANNI's methodology is to reduce this risk by providing all the items a child needs to go to school and remove the financial burden of education so the focus can be on learning.



SANNI's education program has proven effective so far; 7.5%¹ of children enrolled on SANNI's Myanmar program dropout of school. While there are no official figures to compare this to the rest of the country, this is extremely low for slum areas and children living in poverty. Children who dropout are still supported, and either are encouraged to back to school or provided support to enrol into vocational courses or apprenticeships. With this, the vast majority of children receiving SANNI's support are far more likely to finish their education and improve their future employability and opportunities.

An obstacle for SANNI's education support is during Grades 5, 9 and 11 when students take important government matriculation exams to graduate into the next phase of their education. This is often a stressful and demanding time for the students and extra tuition will help them pass the exams and graduate to the next stage. We have also found that children, especially in Grade 11, are more likely to drop out of school because of exam failure or a lack of support so they never graduate or receive the long-term benefits of finishing education. SANNI are already providing tuition support to 15 children who have demonstrated promising academic skills but are living in extremely unstable economic conditions. SANNI want to extend this service to the three key grades 5, 9 and 11.



11 year old Aung Zin Moe collecting his new school materials. Sponsored since December 2014



10 year old Khine Hnin Wai doing her homework. Sponsored since October 2015

3.2.2. Proposed Project

The objective of the tuition support is to support children in Grades 5, 9 and 11 to progress onto the next stage of education to reduce the risk of school dropouts, improve their future employability and help alleviate them out of poverty. SANNI would like to eventually offer more tuition support however these 3 grades are key priority groups.

¹ This includes children who are attending vocational courses, apprenticeships or currently too sick to go to school (typically from tuberculosis). To separate these children, the dropout rate falls to 4.3%



Tuition Support provides:

- Financial support to hire a tutor throughout the academic school year; starting in June and ending in March.
- Each month, when children collect their monthly food support packages (as part of the SANNI sponsorship) they also collect cash to pay for their tutor.
- During term time, students receive tuition 5 days a week, 2 hours a day (Grade 5) or 3 hours a day (Grades 9 and 11).
- Covers all subjects.
- The tutor is a trained teacher either from the nearby public school or hired private tuition specialist teachers, depending on location.
- To receive tuition in their local township, typically in public/community buildings.
- Evidence of the tuition has to be provided. This is typically a receipt and photo evidence of the sessions. Additionally, two outreach workers who visit each sponsored child's home every 3-4 months, can visit during tuition.

Proposed start date: June 1st 2020 (beginning of new academic year)

3.2.3. Budget

We calculate the following costs:

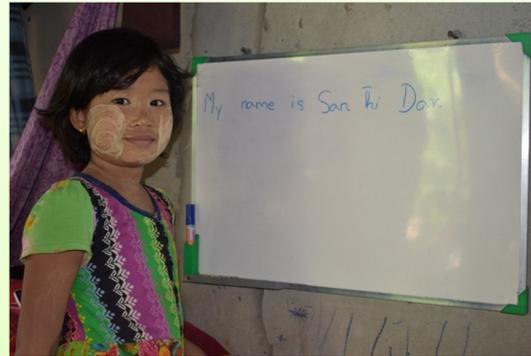
Grade	Tutor fee per child per month (in USD)	Months requiring tuition	Total Tutor cost per child per academic year (in USD)	Number of students	Total costs (in USD)
5	15	9	135	45*	6'075
9	22	9	198	25*	4'950
11	22	9	198	8	1'584
Total				78	12'609

* 2020 quantity of Grade 5 and Grade 9 students are 42 and 22 respectively, however these 2 groups have been rounded up in anticipation of new children enrolling onto our sponsorship program. Grade 11 has not been rounded because children of this age are not enrolled.

These costs will cover solely the tutor's fees. Their sponsorship already provides all the school materials they need for the tuition and there is no cost to use a community space or home space to accommodate the lessons.



3.2.4. Examples of supported children



San Thidar's father died when she was 3 leaving herself, mother and brother struggling to survive. They all had HIV, the mother couldn't find employment and sometimes couldn't afford food. However, in since October 2019 San Thidar enrolled on to the SANNI Sponsorship program and the risk of her dropping out of school to work instead was eliminated. Now, she had all the materials she needs to study.

In fact, she has enjoyed school so much, she wants to become a teacher to disadvantaged children and get them to enjoy school as much as she does. She so strongly believes in this, that what initially started as a weekend game playing 'teacher', has now turned into her actually teaching younger children in her area at the weekend!

San Thidar will join Grade 5 next year and would be one of the first to benefit from extra tuition.



Sponsored SANNI children doing their homework



4. Control of implementation

MAM will send detailed reports on the status of implementation to the SANNI Foundation twice a year. Some of the foundation board travels annually to the spots to monitor the implementation of the projects. Intensive discussions are held with the project managers while they are visited. By inspecting the books, it is checked whether our funds are used according to the purpose. MAM is audited by a local and an international audit firm, which guarantees careful bookkeeping. The last visit took place in November 2019.



*SANNI's board of trustees and Friends during a inspection trip
Nov 2019*

5. Annex

5.1. Objectives of the Foundation

The purpose of the foundation is to promote the education of children and adolescents, to combat poverty and to promote health. The geographic focus is on developing and emerging economies because there, with modest means by European standards, the living conditions of many people can be improved.

5.2. Vision

Based on personal commitment, SANNI Foundation gives hope for a better future to people in need.

5.3. Mission

Integral projects are supported and accompanied in the long term, with respectful, direct and effective implementation being important. A local confidant, with an existing organization, implements the projects on site. The donations reach the needy one hundred percent. This is possible because the board members are working on an honorary basis and the administrative costs are taken over by SchroffInvest.

5.4. Principle

Our actions are based on the following principles:
Transparency, authenticity, effectiveness, efficiency

5.5. Values

Our actions are characterized by the following values:
Respect, joy, openness, honesty.

5.6. Administration Cost

100% of all donations are in favour of the needy. The administration costs are financed by the SchroffInvest. All board members of the foundation are volunteers.